THE MYSORE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF 1911.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

LEGISLATION.

(Nos. 1 to 30.)

SUBJECT No. 1.

Right of interpellation in the Legislative Council.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality, and K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—The Legislative Council may be granted the right of interpellation. This privilege is being exercised by the members of the British Indian Legislative Councils. The Representative Assembly meets only once a year. The Legislative Council meets oftener and the privilege, if granted, will be exercised by it with satisfactory results.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 2.

Right of discussion of the State Budget in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Subba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that early orders of Government may be passed in the matter of granting to the members of the Mysore Legislative Council, the right of discussion of the State Budget, as great advantages will be derived thereby.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 3.

Election of members to the Legislative Council.

(*a*) & (*c*) Mr. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It is prayed that four members may be elected from among the members of the Representative Assembly as the existing number, *viz.* two, is very small. Of these four members, one may be for each of the divisions of Nandidrug, Ashtagram and Nagar and the 4th member to represent the malnad taluks. With a view to secure the unanimous opinion of the members of the Representative Assembly it is prayed that these members may be elected by the Assembly as a whole.

(*b*) Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality; and K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

(*b*) The districts of Kadur, Shimoga and Chitaldrug may be formed into a separate electorate to return a representative member to the Legislative Council, as the wants of those two districts are very much alike but cannot be represented adequately by the people of other districts.

(*c*) There should be separate representation for the malnad and the maidan.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Repeal of the Press Act.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There were formerly many newspapers in existence in the State containing information on various matters. The difficulties of the ryots, the

high-handedness of the Government officers, etc., were not only being exposed, but whenever there was an occasion to call for public opinion on any matter, the subjects were being discussed at length, thus assisting both the Government and the people. After the introduction of the Press Act most of the journals have ceased publication and a few, not very useful, are remaining. These are not beneficial to the people who have thus to seek outside papers for any useful news. The existence of properly conducted newspapers is a great necessity and the Press Act militates against it, and may, therefore, be repealed.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. *Vide* reply on previous occasions.

SUBJECT No. 5.

Introduction of the Weights and Measures Regulation.

Messrs. Alampalli Adinarayanaiya Chetty, Dodballapur Municipality; C. Naraharaiya, B. Channalingappa, Nelamangala taluk; M. Subbarayappa, Chikka Guruvareddi, Bangalore taluk; D. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli taluk; B. K. Garudachar, Bangalore City Municipality; M Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Rangiengar, Tiruvenkataswami Mudaliar and Mahomed Jaffer, Mysore City Municipality; Devoji Rao, B. Achiah Chetty, Yedatore taluk; Siddegowda, Madappa, Mysore taluk; Suryanarayana Setty, Hassan District Board; C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur taluk; Pilkington, North Mysore Planters' Association; and B. Sitaramiah, Chikmagalur taluk; Thimmannaiya, Tiptur taluk; Venkataramanaiya, Sira taluk; Hutchviregowda, Gubbi taluk; Virasettappa, Tumkur District Board; Gundappa, Kunigal taluk; Abidalli Sab, Koratagere sub-taluk; Karibasaiya and Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk; C. Subba Rao and S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality; K. Shamiengar, Channagiri taluk; Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur taluk, and Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The adoption of uniform weights and measures in the State is being repeatedly prayed for in this Assembly. Early orders may be passed in the matter as promised by Government.

(*b*) To enforce the use of a set of uniform weights and measures throughout the State, the following weights and measures are proposed—

For measures by weight:—

(i) One seer to be of Rs. 24 weight and

(ii) One maund to be of 48 seers weight.

For measures of capacity:—

(i) One seer to be of a measure which when filled with grain weighs Rs. 84.

(ii) One *kolaga* to measure grain of 20 seers,

(iii) One *kandi* to measure 20 *kolagas*.

(*c*) A Regulation for the enforcement of a uniform set of measures and weights which are impressed with Government seal may be introduced early.

Reply of Government.—Rules on the subject have been framed and published in the *Gazette*.

SUBJECT No. 6.

Introduction of the Village Panchayet.

Messrs. H. C. Subba Rao, Hunsur taluk; Madappa, Mysore taluk; M. G. Shamiengar, Y. S. V. Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—The Village Panchayet Bill which was being discussed in the Representative Assembly from a long time is now ascertained to be before the Legislative Council. It is prayed that the panchayet may be soon introduced and educated and disinterested men selected to form the panchayet.

Reply of Government.—Will be expedited.

SUBJECT No. 7.

The Probate and Administration Act.

Messrs. C. Subba Rao and S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Probate and Administration Act may be introduced into the State, as there is no law at present defining the duties and responsibilities of executors and administrators notwithstanding the increasing practice of making wills.

Reply of Government.—A Bill will soon be framed and placed before the Legislative Council.